

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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Welcome to our church, especially if you are a visitor or a newcomer

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Trinity 14

Opening Hymn: **379** Lord, enthroned in heavenly...

Readings: Ezekiel 33.7-11 Neil Humphries  
Romans 13.8-14 Linda Dunmore

Gradual Hymn: **118** Colours of day

Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20

Sermon

Intercessions: Margaret Mandrell

To the bidding: Lord, take us by the hand:  
Please respond: **and lead us.**

Offertory Hymn: **813** The Servant Song

Communion Hymns:

**4** A new commandment I give unto you (choir)

**214** God is love, and where true love is

**72** Be still for the presence of the Lord

Final Hymn: **690** The day of resurrection



**Next Sunday – Trinity 15**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Genesis 50.15-21 Pippa Curtis  
Romans 14.1-12 Pippa Curtis

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

Intercessions: Pippa Curtis

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Genesis 50.15-21 Vivien Greenow  
Romans 14.1-12 Rosie Goddard

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

Intercessions: Vivien Greenow



## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meet in church fortnightly at 11.00am (10.45 for Tea/Coffee)

**Next meeting:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served in church following the service. Why not stay for a drink and a chat. It's a chance to get to know everyone.



**GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)**

**Next meetings: 18<sup>th</sup> September** - Choir 'The Gilded Lilies'  
**20<sup>th</sup> September** - Minibus Trip (£5) to Tewksbury Market.

Pick is 10.00am from church. There are 8 seats available.



## **A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church**

The Church of England has introduced a new Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), administered by a charity controlled by various Dioceses and based in Gloucester. The new scheme should be a win-win situation - better for givers, and better for the church. There is a small supply of booklets at the back of Church. If you want to know more, speak to Andy or Richard Hemmings, or look at PGS's website: [www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk)



## **Church Services this coming week.**

Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
<u>Zoom only services</u>		
Monday & Wednesday	8.20am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday & Thursday	5.30pm	Evening Prayer

Jesus said,  
"For where two or  
three are gathered  
in my name,  
I am there  
among them."

Matthew 18.15-20



**LITTLE STARS** ★ For babies to pre-schoolers and their parents/carers meets in church every Thursday ★  
afternoon in term time from 1.30pm to 3.00pm.  
Further details from Michelle Walsh (details below) ★

## **Open Church**

<b>Thursdays</b>	10.30am - 12.30pm
<b>Saturdays</b>	10.30am - 12.30pm



If you have any items for the pew sheet please e-mail them to: [mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com](mailto:mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com)  
Please send by Thursday - 10.00am if you wish it to be included in the following Sunday's pew sheet.

For church hall bookings contact Michelle Walsh at [mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com](mailto:mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com) or 07961 097497

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**Reminder** - No 8.00am service - 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**Save the Date - 7<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm**  
**Vocal Score Concert - St Stephens**

*Lindsey, Belle of the pulpit,  
Let laughter duly commence,  
Out come her props, one by one,  
Keep us all in such suspense.  
Balloons to blow up, wings to wear,  
Angelic indeed I do swear.  
Chasuble green, so serene,  
Deputising for the Dean.  
A humble rock held with awe,  
Not aniseed kind 'give me more'.  
One last hymn before Adieu,  
Will she come in right on cue?  
53 years, don't fret at fate,  
You've still not reached the 'sell-by' date*

*By Barbara Helicar*

## **AUTUMN FAYRE**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 11.30 - 3.30**

### **DONATIONS APPEAL**

**Bottles** - We are gratefully accepting/collecting any 'bottle' donations for our bottle Tombola. We will gladly accept ANY bottle, be it alcohol, fizz, toiletries - anything in a bottle! Please bring to church for storage in the Tower room.



**Chocolate & Sweets** - This was very popular last year and we would like to make this bigger this year.... so we are also accepting any donations of chocolates or sweets suitable for a Tombola. (Please leave any donations in the Tower room)



**New/ Unused Gifts** - Nigel Wake will be running this stall again. If anyone has any new but unwanted gifts to sell (not books) Please leave in the rear pews for collection.

### **Call for Cake and Scones**

Meriel and team are in need of as many cakes and scones as possible for their stall at the fayre. If you are able to provide any cake or scones – all will be gratefully received. You can sign up on the list at the back of church.



### **Harvest Festival - 24<sup>th</sup> September/ Cake Sale**

Harvest celebration on 24th September will focus on work of Christian Aid followed by a cake sale to raise funds for their harvest project. Any Donations of cake would be much appreciated. Many thanks. Margaret.

### **Your ideas for the Parish Profile**

Please remember to let us have your views on three key issues that we can refer to when updating our parish profile.

1. *What we do well as a Church - ( it would be great if you could include some things we can use as quotations!)*
2. *What we could develop further*
3. *What skills and qualities you would like to see in our new priest in charge*

Please use the post its and the boards at the back of church to record your thoughts or email Kevin ([kevinmaltby@hotmail.com](mailto:kevinmaltby@hotmail.com)) or Ruth ([ruth.scotson@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.scotson@gmail.com)) by the end of Thursday 14th September. Thank you for your help and support. Kevin and Ruth.

### **Bishops Certificate Course**

A Bishop's Certificate course is being run locally from early October onwards. If you are interested, please talk to Margaret or Kevin

### **Take Care**

Following a couple of trips and falls during the last month, we're all encouraged to take extra care when moving around the church. Whilst every consideration and reasonable measure is given to the reduction of risk, it is not possible to eradicate every risk in a building of this age and condition. Do please speak to Ruth, Kevin or Lindsey if you have any continuing concerns.

### **Raffle Tickets** for the Autumn fayre



are available to purchase at the back of church (£1 per ticket or £5 per book). First Prize £100, with many more prizes including hampers and restaurant vouchers! Please leave any monies & filled stubs in the labelled boxes. If you would like to take any away to sell, please do.